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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT : William T. Ball  
SERIAL NO.: 10/675,351  
FILED : September 30, 2003  
TITLE : PIPE COUPLING FOR JOINING PIPES OF VARYING DIAMETERS  
Group/A.U.: 3673  
Conf. No. : 5782  
Examiner : Vishal A. Patel  
Docket No.: P06545US0-144

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AMENDMENT

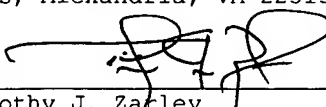
In response to the Office Action dated March 14, 2006,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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